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Resource equips disciples for local mission impact

“Mission *from* the Gospels” approaches Scripture as a guide to mission in the local community. Developed by American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) and supported by contributions to the America for Christ Offering, this resource has served as a catalyst for multiple outcomes in missional engagement, including:

- training to address the decline in leadership and mission;
- intergenerational and cross-cultural leadership training;
- partnerships with community members and organizations; and
- enhancement of local mission, including racetrack workers ministry, ecumenical grief counseling training and outreach to homeless students.



Mission *from* the Gospels helps churches shift the focus from themselves to the local community, according to the Rev. George Stefani, moderator of the Capital Area Baptist Association (American Baptist Churches of New York State).

“By learning Mission *from* the Gospels and sharing this story outside our churches,” he says, “others from the community—including a Boy Scout troop and local office workers—have joined us in mission.”

Mission *from* the Gospels was co-authored by the Rev. Dr. Ron Carlson, former ABHMS missional church strategist, and the Rev. Sam Brink, retired minister of Church Resources for American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin. Download it at abhms.org > Ministries > Church Transformation > Mission from the Gospels.

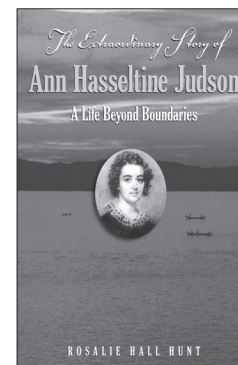
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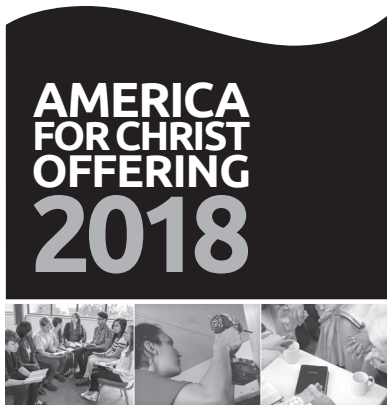
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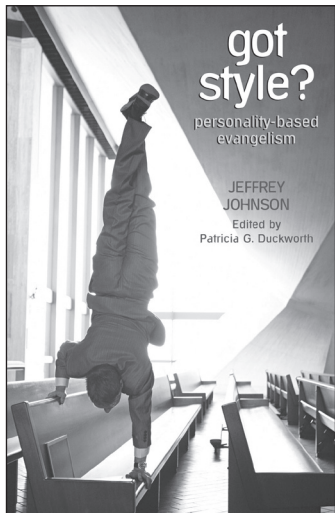
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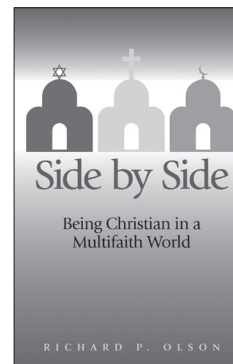
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When First Baptist Church, Brazil, Ind., participated in American Baptist Home Mission Societies' missional training in 2011, they couldn't imagine the future their increased understanding would bring forth. Exploring needs in the community, they learned of a neighborhood child badly burned in a home accident. The church rallied the community to assist the child and her family.

That experience provided a new awareness of neighborhood children. Members witnessed children dumpster diving for food. A church group sprang into action to offer snacks both before and after school.

Because volunteers noticed children without shoes or clean clothes, vacation Bible school focused on reaching neighborhood kids, and the idea of hosting a back-to-school fair was born. More than 200 children came. The next year, a partnership with YMCA brought more than 400 children.



Since that time, this church of approximately 100 members with an annual operating budget of \$100,000 has worked with community partners to consistently raise more than \$300,000 yearly to improve the lives of

neighborhood children. Efforts have included free daycare for the children of single mothers who want to stay in school. A summer lunch program serves more than 27,500 meals to 600 children daily.

Your gifts to America for Christ help American Baptist Home Mission Societies to equip hundreds of American Baptist congregations to perform miracles that continue even after the training has been completed.

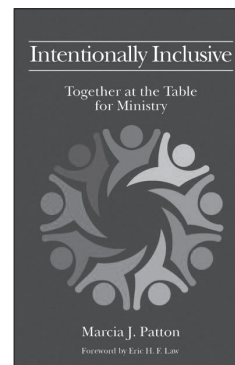
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Remarkable resources address effective discipleship

Every church faces the challenge of developing an effective discipleship strategy. American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) offers a wide range of resources to support these efforts, including:

- topical Bible studies, such as “Children, Poverty and the Bible”;
- 60 downloadable workshops for Church Life and Leadership, with options in English, French, Spanish and Karen; and
- the annual Discipleship and Christian Education Guide.

Kudos for the Discipleship and Christian Education Guide

“ABHMS’ Discipleship and Christian Education Guide remains one of the best and most helpful resources produced by any denomination for congregational educators.”

— Rev. Israel Galindo, Ph.D., Columbia Theological Seminary and Judson Press author

“This is the best thing out there. I hope they NEVER stop producing it. If they ever couldn’t afford to publish it, I would pay for it myself!”

— An attendee of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts 2017 gathering

“The Discipleship and Christian Education Guide is a biblically sound and culturally relevant resource that connects our church to our American Baptist family, while allowing freedom to adapt it to our local church setting.”

— Rev. Dr. Carla A. Romarate-Knipel, Central Baptist Church, Woodbury, N.J.

Gifts to the America for Christ offering support production of discipleship resources. To download resources, visit www.abhms.org > Publications & Resources. For more information, contact the Rev. Cassandra Carkuff Williams, Ed.D., ABHMS director of Discipleship Ministries, at cwilliams@abhms.org or 1-800-222-3873, x2459.

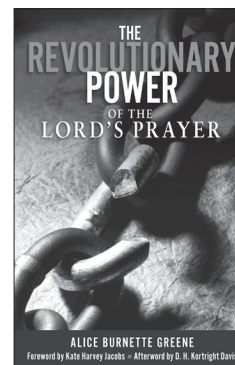
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